

## PUGET SOUND PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTOR SOCIETY

**WHAT:** REGULAR MEETING OF PSPCS

**WHERE:** DES MOINES MASONIC TEMPLE, 2208 S. 223RD ST (TAKE MIDWAY EXIT OFF I-5, GO TO FIRST STOP LIGHT WEST OF PACIFIC AVE SOUTH, TURN RIGHT UNTIL 223RD, THEN TURN WEST (LEFT). THE TEMPLE IS JUST WEST OF THE FIRE STATION)

**WHEN:** THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH (EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST). NEXT MEETING IS 06/11/15, 7 - 9 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM)

**WHY:** TO SHARE AND ENJOY THE COMPANY OF OTHER WHO ARE INTERESTED IN COLLECTING EVERYTHING PHOTOGRAPHIC

**MEETING AGENDA:** A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING, SHOW & TELL, SHARE GARY STORIES, AUCTION (ONE ITEM PER MEMBER) AND DOOR PRIZE

## More Gary FREE stuff

Special points of interest:

- *More Gary free stuff*



Gary and his daughter at April's Show



More FREE stuff for June's meeting

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Gary Sivertsen bought three tables of figurines to the May meeting for give-away. The picture below is a sample of the items. Everyone took home something to add to their collection. He will be bringing more items to the June 11th meeting (the five boxes pictured to the left).

You may be wondering why the "fire sale"? Well Gary is thinning out the heard so he has less to move

to Arizona this Summer. Yes, he is leaving the water soaked Pacific Northwest to the more arid Southwest to start a new chapter in his retire-



ment. The June meeting may be his last meeting for a long while. So let's show Gary a PSPCS final farewell. Hope many

of you can make the meeting to share stories of your friendship with Gary over the years. A camera that he bought, traded or sold to you. He is not only a long standing member but one of the "founding/charter" members of PSPCS.





## PSPCS Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 21, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by Mike Immel at 6:45pm. There were 20 members or guests in attendance.

**Barn Sale Report:** We had 25 buyers, over 610 items were sold, and the club made a little money to use for future camera buys. Two suggestions were made: It was suggested that the sales at Kelly's barn be targeted towards those club members who attend the monthly meetings. It was generally agreed that the cases should be left with the cameras, or a better system of matching up the cases with the cameras be explored.

**Old Business:** The Vancouver show on April 26<sup>th</sup> was well attended and very successful

**New Business:** There is a Show in Victoria this Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>.

There is a Facebook Group – Vintage Camera Collectors – that you should join and explore. Whoever bought the Nikon N50 from Mike Comstock, should see Mike Immel because he has the instruction manual and other paperwork for the camera.

**Show and Tell:** 9 members brought or told stories about 21 different items.

**Auction:** Six items were available for auction. Four sold for \$54.00.

**Age old question:** "Which lenses for the classic Omega 6x7 technical cameras are better? : Those labeled "Konica Hexanon", or the later Mamiya badged Omegon version?"

Answer: According to Konica guru, technician, and parts source Greg Weber, both versions were made by Konica throughout the production run.

When Berkey marketing went bankrupt in about 1980, Mamiya took over distribution. The cameras continued to be made by Konica, but ceased using Konica ("Koni" or "Hexanon") labeling. The "Koni Omega Rapid" became the "Omega Rapid". Later lenses were labeled "Omegon". There were minor differences in shutter construction over time, but the lenses were identical and all were made by Konica. (According to Weber, the rangefinder assembly is the same as on the Konica Auto S2 35mm rangefinder camera.)

*Thanks to Bob Peters for this tid-bit of Omega 6x7 trivia*

## Contact Information

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